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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY FOR SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. EC REPRESENTATION AT LONDON SUMMIT

EMBASSY ROME REPORTS THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AGREED ON EC REPRESENTATION AT THE MAY 7-8 LONDON SUMMIT. COUNCIL PRESIDENT CALLAGHAN AND EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS WILL BE "INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THOSE SESSIONS OF THE SUMMIT AT WHICH SUBJECTS OF COMMUNITY COMPETENCE WILL BE DISCUSSED," INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

THE AGREEMENT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY A LAST-MINUTE CONCESSION
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BY PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING, WHO INSISTED THAT A "TECHNICAL EC PRESENCE" IS NOT ANALOGOUS TO EC PARTICIPATION IN THE SUMMIT, WHICH REMAINS A GATHERING OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT. JENKINS CHARACTERIZED THE AGREEMENT AS A "SATISFACTORY OUTCOME." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) ROME 5026, 3/26.)

2. VAN WELL TALKS WITH THE SOVIETS

FRG FOREIGN OFFICE POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL BRIEFED
AMBASSADOR TOON ON HIS MARCH 22-24 MEETINGS WITH SOVIET
OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO VAN WELL, THE SOVIETS:

--CRITICIZED THE FRG-BRAZIL NUCLEAR DEAL AND ASKED
FOR SUPPORT IN THE LONDON SUPPLIERS GROUP FOR FULL
FUEL CYCLE CONTROLS;

--SUGGESTED DETAILS ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS
COULD BE WORKED OUT OUTSIDE OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST
BAN TREATY (CTB);

--STRESSED THAT ALL NUCLEAR POWERS, NOT JUST THE UK,
USA AND USSR, MUST PARTICIPATE IN A CTB BEFORE THE
TREATY COMES INTO FORCE;

--REITERATED THAT THEIR PROPOSAL FOR A TREATY ON NON-
FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WAS STILL ON THE TABLE,
DESPITE NATO'S PREFERENCE FOR A NON-USE OF FORCE PRO-
POSAL INSTEAD;

--VIEWED POSITIVELY THE UPCOMING CSCE MEETING IN BEL-
GRADE, AND DID NOT SEEM OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
POSSIBLE EFFECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES ON THE CONFER-
ENCE; AND

--CITED THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL CONGRESS IN
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CAIRO AS EVIDENCE THAT THE PALESTINIANS WERE MOVING
TOWARD A MORE FLEXIBLE AND REALISTIC STANCE.

VAN WELL'S COMMENT: THE SOVIETS MADE AN EFFORT TO BE
FRIENDLY, AVOIDED POLEMICS AND APPEARED RELAXED ABOUT THE
FUTURE OF DETENTE. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 4069, 3/27.)

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